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WITH this issue our Journal enters upon its fifty-first year. We take this opportunity to thank our subscribers —both those on the Bench and those at the Bar—for the warm encouragement and support they have given to us all these years and to express the hope that the same will be continued hereafter in an even larger measure. We are also glad to express our sense of gratitude to the Honourable the Judges of the High Court for the facilities they have been good enough to extend to us. Practitioners of law are compelled to keep themselves *au courant* with what is decided in the Courts ; further, the field of law is very wide and there are innumerable questions which admit of discussion from more points of view than one ; and these afford justification for the existence of a Journal like ours. It has been one of the chief features of our Journal not merely to report decisions but also to provide comments on leading cases and legislative measures and to publish critical articles on topics of interest to the legal public. It has also been our constant endeavour to report in these pages as far as possible only such decisions as may fairly be described to be " considered judgments

which do more than merely follow existing precedents." It may be that on *some* occasions we might be deemed to have departed from this standard and reported cases which need not have been reported. But the opposite view cannot be wholly ignored. As Lindley, L.J., put it "it must be borne in mind that the reports are wanted not only by men who are already well informed lawyers, but also by men of a different class; and for their sakes it is better to err on the side of reporting too many cases than of reporting too few." The main lines of our Journal still remain as they were laid down by the founders and though the help and guidance of those pioneers are no longer available to us the precious lessons of their work and the benefit of their labours are there to serve as a beacon light to us and it shall be our aim to make the Journal continue to live up to its ideals and traditions.

We shall be publishing in the course of this month a Special Number of our Journal in commemoration of this occasion.